

Florence, New Jersey
August 11, 2010

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President O'Hara at 9:10PM.

The following statement was read by the Township Clerk: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 10, 2010; given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

Frank Baldorossi
Sean Ryan
Jerry Sandusky
David Woolston
Dennis O'Hara

Also present:

Mayor William Berry; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; William John Kearns, Jr., Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

Baldorossi made a MOTION; seconded by Ryan to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

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| Executive Session | July 14, 2010 |
| Closed Session | August 4, 2010 |
| Special Closed Session | July 28, 2010 |

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky; seconded by Woolston to receive and file the Chief of Police's report for July. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Woolston to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

A. RAFFLES – Florence Township High School Marching Band Booster Club, Inc.:

1. On Premise 50/50, September 10, October 8, October 22, October 29, November 5, 2010, Florence Township High School Football Field, 7:00PM – 10:00PM
2. Off Premise 50/50, Florence Township High School, November 24, 2010, 8:00PM

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Ryan to approve the above applications.

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On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Woolston, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Csik, 45 E. Fifth Street, asked that Public Comment be held after the Agenda items so the public has the opportunity to discuss the items. Solicitor Kearns explained that Public Comment is at the beginning of the meeting so the public can discuss any Agenda item; copies of the Agenda are provided for the public. If Public Comment were at the end of the meeting, the residents would be making public comment after action had been taken. Council Member Sandusky noted that whenever a member of the public asked to speak at a time during the meeting when it was not public comment, they were allowed to do so. Council President O'Hara agreed and stated that as Council President, if he found it necessary, he would allow a member of the public to speak during other times of the meeting. He noted that a taxpayer in the community has every right to address Mayor, Council and administration.

Mr. Csik asked if the State of New Jersey issues a handicapped placard for a person's vehicle to be able to park in a handicapped parking spot, how can the Township of Florence override state law? Solicitor Kearns explained that the township is not overriding State law; the township has a right to regulate parking on the streets. The placards are issued to allow parking in commercial parking lots, doctor's office, ect. Businesses have to have a certain number of handicapped parking spaces for their business. Solicitor Kearns will look into and have a report for Council's September Worksession.

William Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, spoke at the last Council Meeting and wanted to clarify that he was not criticizing the police department when he discussed the abandoned vehicle.

Mr. Bott stated that a vehicle has been parked on the street in between his house and his neighbor's house for approximately six and a half (6 ½) weeks without moving. He noted that the police department marked the tire. Solicitor Kearns explained that after it is marked, it has to sit there 30 days before the police department can have it towed.

Mr. Bott stated that there is a building for sale on Hornberger Avenue that has multiple for sale signs. Administrator Brook is aware and is taking care of it.

Richard Lotter, 3 Walnut Court, stated his opinion that the Potts Mill Road sewer project is a good project but asked if the Tall Pines project was completed before another project is started? Council President O'Hara stated that Phase I of Tall Pines is completed. Discussion followed regarding residents connecting once water and sewer is installed. Some utilities require a resident to connect within a certain time period, once sewer is available. Administrator Brook stated that Florence Township has always taken the position that they will not force a resident to connect unless their system fails.

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Administrator Brook explained that Phase II of Tall Pines was not done because of the drastic change in the economy; the demand from the residents to start Phase II has dropped off significantly. The costs for Phase I were not as great as they will be for Phase II.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Baldorossi to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-173

**APPROVE REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BONDS
HILL CREEK FARMS I/BROOKSIDE
BOND NO. UB-0236603-A (WATER DISTRIBUTION)
BOND NO. UB-0236600-A (SANITARY SEWER)
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-174

**APPROVE RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
WHITESSELL CONSTRUCTION – HAINES CENTER
280 DANIELS WAY – SPEC BUILDING #2
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-175

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF TAX BILLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-176

**AUTHORIZE REDUCTION IN PERFORMANCE BOND
PARISH OF STS. FRANCIS & CLARE
*NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any escrow funds due.***

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-177

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT ESTIMATE NO. 1 TO
CARDINAL CONTRACTING CO., LLC
1738 ROUTE 206, SOUTHAMPTON, NJ, 08088
2010 ROAD PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-178

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIENS AGAINST REAL PROPERTY FOR THE
ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-179

**AUTHORIZE APPLICATION TO NJ HISTORIC TRUST
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE GARDEN
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND
CAPITAL PRESERVATION GRANTS LEVEL I
2010 GRANT APPLICATION**

Administrator Brook explained that Resolution No. 2010-179 (approve Roebing Museum Application for Grant Funds) is needed because the Roebing Museum would like to apply for grants but needs the township approval because they lease the property from the township.

It was on the MOTION of Baldorossi, seconded by Woolston to approve Resolutions No. 2010-173 through 2010-179.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows

YEAS: Baldorossi, Ryan, Sandusky, Woolston, O'Hara

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Council Member Sandusky had the opportunity yesterday to visit Florence Township's **Municipal Court**. He stated that Judge Richard Andronici is doing a tremendous job and is an asset to the community.
- Council President O'Hara thanked Mayor and Council for signing the commendation letters for Sergeant Jon Greenberg, Officer Brian Young and Officer Michelle Hollins.
- Council President O'Hara stated that the **Roebing Museum** will be holding a play about the history of the Roebing family at the Main Street Community Center on October 15th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th. The museum is considering a \$25 ticket price, which would include the play and refreshments. He asked if a permit is needed to serve wine as part of the ticket price? Solicitor Kearns will look into and report back.

There was discussion at the last meeting of having an official opening of the **Main Street Community Center**. Council President O'Hara asked if they should tie the opening ceremony in with the opening night of the play by having a ribbon cutting an hour and half before the play? Council President O'Hara's wife, Linda O'Hara, has offered to help with the opening ceremony and will work with Administrator Brook. Council President O'Hara stated that the museum is getting permission from the school board to utilize the Roebing School

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parking lot for parking and asked if BurlLink would be able to be available to transport people that have to park there to and from the event. Assistant Administrator Sahol gave the contact information for BurlLink to Pat Millen at the Roebbling Museum.

Council President O'Hara asked about chairs for the community center? Assistant Administrator Sahol stated that there are approximately 200 chairs in the building.

Council President O'Hara asked if there would be a need for police for traffic control? Administrator Brook would need an idea of how many people would be there for the event.

Administrator Brook and Assistant Administrator Sahol will meet with Mrs. O'Hara to go over the details.

Council Members were in agreement to coordinating the dedication of the Main Street Community Center with the opening night of the play.

Council Member Sandusky asked if the same play would be done each night? Council President O'Hara stated that it is the same play all six (6) nights.

Mayor

- Nothing at this time.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook reported that after having to take serious enforcement action on a property in town, the **Burlington County Board of Health** brought a section of the township code to his attention that goes back over 20 years. It talks about the Mayor and Council being the hearing authority and is very outdated. Administrator Brook will prepare a draft ordinance that will leave these issues under the **authority** of the Burlington County Board of Health. He noted that the Board of Health needs to move very quickly on situations like what occurred this week.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Nothing at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Ryan went out to the **Legacy Development** last Wednesday to listen for the noise that a resident had complained about. He stated that not only could he hear it, but he could also feel it; it was a **vibrating sound**. Council Member Ryan stated that there are multiple facilities operating in that area and he could not pinpoint where the sound was coming from and would like the source of the sound identified. Administrator Brook will look into the matter.

Council Member Sandusky asked if there were any updates on the **swimming pool** at **Legacy**? Mayor Berry explained that until the developer complies, the township is not issuing building

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permits for new construction but is issuing CO's (certificates of occupancy) for homes that are completed. Administrator Brook stated that the developer has reapplied through the township and Burlington County Board of Health for an up to six foot in depth pool. Mr. Guzzi stated that the intent is to construct the pool this year even though it would not be able to be opened this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing at this time.

9:50PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Ryan to adjourn to Closed Session. Roll call vote - all ayes. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT

9:50PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk

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